

CELEBRATE CCC
ANNIVERSARY AT
WILDLIFE REFUGE

U. S. Biological Survey
Congratulates Boys
on "Good Job."

CCC boys, developing the Hart Mountain Antelope Refuge in Lake County, Oregon, are making an invaluable contribution to the national wildlife restoration program, says Dr. Ira N. Gabrielsen, Chief of the U. S. Biological Survey. His congratulations to the camp personnel came on the fifth anniversary of the CCC.

The Hart Mountain camp is joining other camps throughout the nation this week (March 31 to April 5) in celebrating the anniversary and invites the public to visit the camp during an "open house" celebration on (insert date) to see the progress being made at this Oregon Antelope refuge. Here the CCC boys, under the direction of the Biological Survey, are working to improve the refuge as they are in 31 other camps on refuges over the United States. They are making the refuges easier to administer and more attractive to wildlife.

"CCC boys," says Dr. Gabrielsen, "are familiar figures in many localities. The public, by becoming acquainted with them and their work, can see the beneficial effect camp training has in preparing them for good citizenship. It also learns about their contribution to the wildlife program."

The Hart Mountain Refuge in southeastern Oregon lies north of the junction of the Nevada California boundaries. It contains 276,000 acres and was established in 1936 primarily for antelope. Mule deer and sage grouse are also at home on this range.

CCC boys started work here on October 17, 1937. In the short time they have been on the refuge, they have made an excellent start toward improving the area for protected wildlife.

The boys have already completed 18-1/2 miles of telephone line at Hart Mountain, built two garages and constructed 8 miles of truck trail to facilitate communication. Preparation and transportation of construction materials has employed 379 man-days. Surveys and equipment construction and repair took an additional 495 man-days. Razing undesirable structures and cleanup of refuge areas are other tasks that have employed the boys. But there is a great deal of work yet to be done.

"The accomplishments to date," says Dr. Gabrielson, "help to make wildlife at Hart Mountain feel at home. Work here will serve as a lasting monument to the CCC. Five years ago when our wildlife resources were in serious danger, the Biological Survey had a restoration program. It lacked the means and the man power to carry it out. Then emergency funds for buying refuge areas became available. About the same time CCC help for developing the refuges was obtained. This was indeed a happy coincidence as the accomplishments on record today were only dreamed of five years ago."